

## AUGUSTA DIVISION

CV 116-157

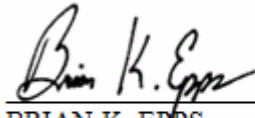
Feldman, 176 F.R.D. at 652 (internal citation and quotation omitted).

The time to respond to Defendant's motion to add has expired, and Plaintiff has not contended he cannot properly oppose the motion in the absence of discovery. Because Defendant's motion seeks to substitute one Plaintiff for another, it has the potential to be case-dispositive, and the Court believes, based on its preliminary peek at the briefing, that there is a clear possibility of the motion being granted. Furthermore, grant of the motion may restrict the scope of discovery, and "courts in this circuit have granted such motions to stay where the resolution on the pending motion to dismiss may extinguish some or all of the claims . . . potentially restricting the scope of discovery significantly." United States v. Real Prop. Known as 1111 Wilma Ave., Savannah, Ga., No. CV409-052, 2009 WL 1834149, at \*1 (S.D. Ga. June 25, 2009) (internal citations omitted). When balancing the costs and burdens to the parties, the Court concludes discovery should be stayed pending resolution of Defendant's motion to add TCI Services Group, Inc. and dismiss Mike Samadi and Plaintiff's motion to remand to state court.

Thus, the Court **GRANTS** Defendants' motion, (doc. no. 14), and **STAYS** all discovery in this action pending resolution of Defendant's motion to add and Plaintiff's motion to remand by the presiding District Judge. If the motion to add and motion to remand are denied, the parties shall confer as required by Local Rule 26.1 within seven days of the Court's later ruling on the two motions, and within fourteen days of the ruling, they shall submit a joint

Rule 26(f) report.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of January, 2017, at Augusta, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Epps", is written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN K. EPPS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA